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By Atari Computer Users.

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MidiMaze II Tourney!

This month we will be having our first MidiMaze tournament of the year. Last year the tournament was a large success, and this year should be no exception. In case your not familiar with MidiMaze II it is a game where up to 16 Atari computer are linked together over the midi ports. In the game you run through a maze (there are different mazes) trying to kill any other opponents, gaining points as you kill the others. The game is played to a set score and the first person to reach that score is the winner. We will have prizes for the top three winners again this year. Everyone is encouraged to attend, you do not need to be a member to play in the tournament, so bring your friends. We need people to bring their Atari Computers (ST/STE/TT), midi cables, joysticks, and power strips. If you can bring any or all of the items mentioned above please do. The more computers we have the more people that can be in each round at one time.

Other interesting news you might not be aware of is that the MIST show is coming up on July 31. If your not familiar with MIST it is an Atari only computer show held in Indianapolis. Developers from all over the Atari world show up to demonstrate and sell their software and hardware, there are also dealers and user groups there also. They have very nice door prizes donated by developers and dealers too. It is always a great show with lots of good software and hardware at low prices. Cin'tari will have a table there like always and will be demonstrating the Atari computers and or selling PD disks. Everyone should try to plan on attending this show.

MORE MESSAGES:

By Dave Barker

Welcome to the third in a series of "how-to" articles on getting the most out of the Cin'tari BBS. Though geared for a beginner, even advanced users will hopefully find something they did not know.

This month we will be revisiting Message Bases (MB's). We'll be covering some of more features and short-cuts. Hopefully last month's auto-scan info helped get more people into messages! I also hope that everyone has been keeping each old newsletter as these "how-to" articles build on each other. If you missed one of the previous ones for any reason, see one of the officers for a copy.

Let's begin with the many options available at the "Msg:" prompt, the one you see when you manually enter a specific MB. You'll see some stats upon entering the MB: total messages in MB, highest # you read, last # in base, and the # of new messages. Then you get the "Msg:". Entering "?" here will display a command summary.

If you are looking for a message you wrote or one sent to you, you can have the BBS scan the MB. An "A" looks for messages to/from you, "B" for messages from you, and "C" for messages to you. After entering one of these options, the BBS scans and displays the message #'s that apply. You then type "F" at the prompt to read these flagged messages. Also using "G" will flag all messages with ConfMail (files) attached to them.

Say you only want to read some key messages. Then you
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Cin'Tari Membership Application

Cin'Tari offers support for Atari computer users through meetings, disk libraries, BBS, and this newsletter.

If you would like to become a member just complete the below form and mail it along with a check or money order for \$20 to the address at the top of the newsletter.

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would want to use the "S" command to Scan/Mark messages. You will be asked what way to read (forward, reverse, etc). Then the BBS will start displaying one line for each message showing, "Msg #: Date Subject" then ask you "Mark (Y/N/Q)". You answer yes to mark for later reading, no to skip, and "q" to quit marking. When you are done marking, using "M" at the "Msg:" will let you read your selected messages.

You can use "D" at the "Msg:" to delete messages you wrote. It will prompt you for a message # to delete (a <CR> will abort). Another command is "H" which is nice for experienced users of the line editor. The "H" will toggle off the short 5 lines of command summary that display every time you go to enter a message. Using "H" a second time will toggle it back on. Using "W" will toggle Word Wrap on/off for the line editor as well.

If you want to locate messages, you can search on various fields using the "L" command. You then get another display: "[A]-To, [B]-From, [C]-Subject, [D]-message text, [E]-Node, [F]-date, [G]-confmail Select search field or combination:". You can enter just one field (say "C" for a subject search) or multiple fields (say "CD" to search subjects AND message text). The BBS will then prompt for a string of text to search for, then the direction to scan. It displays each message as it finds a match on your search field. Use "Q" at the "Read Msg:" to quit your search, otherwise it will continue until it has scanned the entire MB for matches. Please note, that if you do a search in a large MB on message text, it can take some time to scan...so be patient.

The biggest command is "E" for entering messages. You'll be prompted "To?". Enter a name or <CR> for ALL. Then it will prompt for a subject. It'll ask if you want to use an Editor, Upload the message or Exit. Exit will abort the message right here. Upload gives you the necessary prompts to allow you to send a message you might have composed offline in a text editor.

There are two online editors to choose from. The Line Editor and the Full Screen Editor. There is online help for each of these, so I won't go into great detail on features here...just some hints.

When prompted "[A] Editor, [B] Upload, [E]xit?", entering "A" makes it ask you "Full Screen Editor?". Then you can answer yes/no. BUT, if at the prompt you had hit <CR> instead of

"A", it would have automatically used whatever editor you last used. Thus, always use <CR> except if you need to change from one editor to another, then use the "A". I suggest using the Line Editor if you receive a lot of line noise. The Full Screen editor is more powerful, but also more complicated. Also, one known bug to both editors... never begin a line with a "." as the BBS refuses to display those lines!

Here's some hints for Full Screen users. If your modem terminal program will let you, turn your Destructive Backspace OFF. Backspace doesn't delete on the BBS editor, if your Destructive is ON, it will delete on YOUR end and confuse you. If a rash of line noise would mess up your screen, display the Help. The help displays on the whole screen, and redraws your text when finished! For those who hate using <cont-Q> to get to save/abort/help, there are easier ways. When you hit <CR> twice at the end of your message it automatically gets you to this prompt. Ask your sysop to turn this on for you. Even better, for those who like the quick "/s" or "/a" from the line editor...these works with the full screen editor too, if you haven't been overly radical with your editing. Try it.

That's all the space I have for this month. A few more little topics left in the MB area, but they're going on hold for a while. Next month we'll be discussing File Areas. There should be no excuses for not participating in messages now though, so come on and join the fun!

Minutes: February 1993
By: Bill Addington

Theme: MIDI

The meeting was called to order at 4:45. President Mike Hill opened the meeting with a review of old business. AIM magazine is still saying there will be an issue this summer; Mike doubts that. Sysop Scott Hively is planning to buy a modem this month at Service Merchandise. Dave Pennekamp reported the club's finances, as detailed in the February news letter. There was no Atari User this month, as the editor was said to have broken his leg. Plans are to publish a combo issue next month. At this point the meeting was handed over to the MIDI presentation.

Dave Schwinn and Scott Hively presented a technical look at how MIDI devices are used in the studio to

combine individual tracks of instruments into fully orchestrated pieces of music. Melvin Hill then showed how a musician might set up for a live performance.

New business included, software offered for sale by Lynn Sigler with a cut of the profits going to Cin'tari. The Atari catalogs are in and interest is high. If you didn't order one, see Mike Hill about getting in on another bulk order. Mike Butler asked if meeting topics could be announced earlier as to give people more time to write articles. Check out Dave Barker's column in the news letter for tips on how to get the most out of the BBS. Tom Hessler announced that Gary Cooper/Midwest Music is running a BBS devoted to MIDI 745-9396. Apparently There is some trouble in un-arc'ing certin dos files but that is going to be adressed by members of this club. Doug from Rising Star has a contest for guessing when the new Falcons will be in, see his BBS for details. Door prizes this month were; Music Studio__Dave Pennekamp, Star Wars__Lanier Walker, and Operation Market Garden (8 bit)__Michel Mustain.

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 1993

By David Pennekamp

Well, after several disasters this month (C drive going south, and several problems trying to upgrade the 520 from 2.5 meg to 4) we finally have everything working again. (Knock on wood!!) So, with out any further fanfare, I am pleased to present the Cin'tari Treasurer's Report!!

Income

\$160.00	Membership
70.00	Cataloges
60.00	Software Sales
290.00	Total Income

Expenses

\$50.88	Newsletter
\$21.94	BBS Telephone Bill (Jan)
\$21.94	BBS Telephone Bill (Feb)
\$108.00	Atari Catalogues
\$41.00	Christmas Party Payment
\$17.40	Stamps
261.16	Total Expenses

Petty Cash

\$50.16	Total Petty Cash
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Checking account

\$519.49	Opening Balance
\$261.16	Total expenses
\$258.33	Account After Expenses
\$290.00	Deposit into Account

548.33 Checking Account Balance

Assets

\$548.33 Checking Account
\$50.16 Petty Cash
598.49 Total Cash Assets

This month we're continuing the sale of the software Hal donated to the club. If you would like to support the club, purchase some of these programs. The prices are only \$5.00 for most titles for the ST, and there is a fine collection of 10 cartridges for the 8-bit for \$10.00.

Now, as we attempt to save this file, wish me luck...

Till next month....

Productivity with your ST By: Mike Hill

Many people would claim their computer makes them less productive because they spend too much time using it and not enough time getting all those real world things done. While this is true in some cases, it doesn't have to be that way. This article will describe some of the programs I use on my STE to make myself more productive or enable myself to do tedious tasks with greater ease. All the programs mentioned in this article will be available as a disk of the month at the June meeting for \$2.

One of the most common utilities that everyone needs is the common compression programs ARC, LZH, and ZIP. In case your unfamiliar with these programs, let me describe them for you. They take a file or group of files and by using a compression algorithm they compress the files down into one file. This comes in very handy for users of the clubs BBS since most programs have more than one file to them and that would be a very repetitious job if you had to send each file one by one from the BBS to your computer. If you use one of the compression programs above you can compact all the files into one file, and generally the size of that file is 30 to 50 percent smaller also. So not only do you have to receive one file from the BBS, but it is also smaller in size so it takes longer to send. After receiving the file you just run the compression program and have it extract all the files from the archive, and you have a perfect copy of the original files! Another benefit to these programs that can help make you more productive and save disk space, is to compress all your programs you save on

backup disks. By doing this you can have more files on more disks! This will save you money in the long run since it will require less disk space for your files.

Another program that can make you more productive is ARCSHELL. This is a shareware program by Charles Johnson of the Codeheads. It is a graphical shell for the ARC and LZH archivers mentioned above. By using this program you don't have to remember all the command options for the compression programs. Let ARCSHELL handle it for you. The DOM has ARCSHELL and all the compression programs on it. ARCSHELL is also configured and ready to run right from the disk.

Our next program is called The Financial Calculator. This program can help you figure loan payments. The program can also handle any additional payments you might want to make to try to shorten the length of the loan and save money. This program is freeware and is GEM based. Very nice.

Have a lot of trouble making your grocery list? Do you always spend more money on groceries than what you originally hoped to? Well the Grocery Lister is for you. This is another freeware program that allows you to select the items you need from the grocery (you can add items and change prices of items to reflect price changes, or your own personal grocery needs) and see how much money you will be spending. You can print out a list of the items you need also.

Do you have trouble remembering appointments, birthdays or anniversaries? If so Calendar is for you. This accessory will allow you to set up important dates in it and have alarms go off on or before those days to remind you of upcoming events. The program is very powerful and configurable. You can set it up for example to remind you that the Cin'tari meeting is every second saturday of the month, or that LA Law is on every thursday at 10pm. There is also an auto-folder program that will warn you of dates everytime you turn on your computer.

One last program that isn't on the productivity disk, but is in the clubs library is Opus. Opus is a spreadsheet program like Lotus 123 on the IBM's or LDW power for the ST. It is a full featured and very fast. It has some very impressive graphing capabilities too (they require you to use GDOS). It is a shareware program and registration gets

you a version that can import Lotus WKS files. Very powerful. The program also has extensive documentation too. It is a two disk program and a copy can be obtained from the librarian for \$1 a disk or free if you supply your own disks.

Thats it for this article. Hopefully some of these programs will help you with some daily tasks you must endure. I use several of these programs myself and find them to be a great help. Enjoy.

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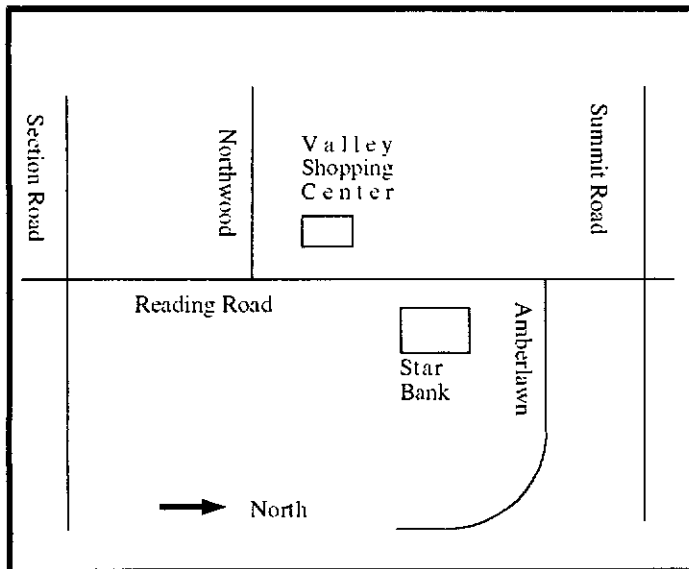
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SIG	WHERE	WHEN	WHO
Cin'Tari Meeting	[REDACTED]	Jun. 12, 1993	N/A
ST Sig Meeting	[REDACTED]	Jun. 18, 1993	Mike Hill: [REDACTED]
Communication Sig	[REDACTED]	Jun. 23, 1993	Lanier Walker: [REDACTED]
Article Submissions	July Issue Deadline	Jun. 20, 1993	Mike Hill

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